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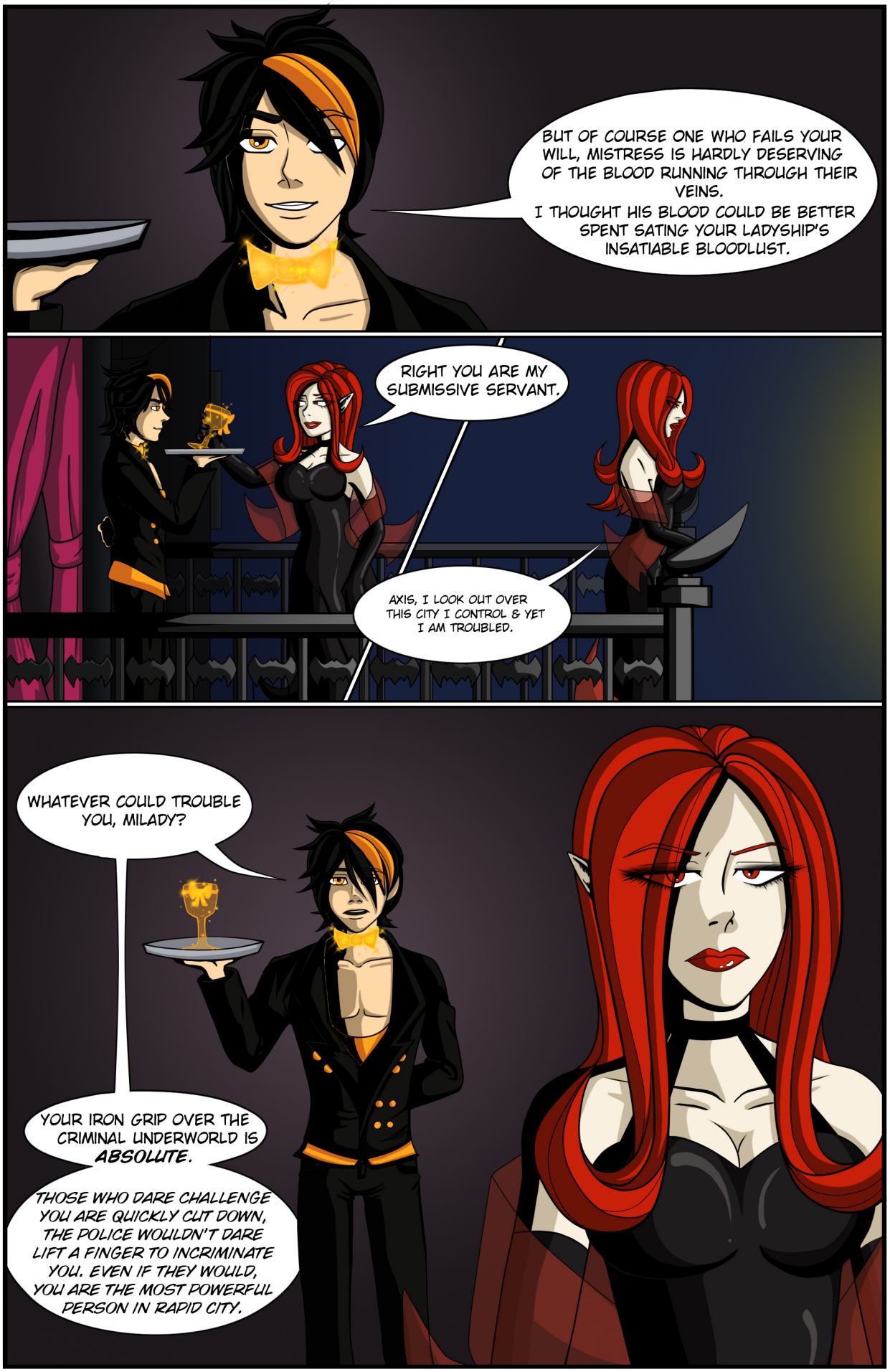
"BANG"
"BANG"
AAHHHH!
WEEEOOO
WOOP *WOOP*
MMMMM...

I THOUGHT YOU MAY BE THIRSTY, MY MISTRESS. SO I'VE PREPARED SOME REFRESHMENT IN HOPES IT MAY ENRICH YOUR LISTENING TO THE CITY'S SUFFERING IN SILENCE.
FINE & FRESH!
TELL ME AXIS, DEAR. DID THIS ONE SCREAM & SUFFER?


BUT OF COURSE ONE WHO FAILS YOUR WILL, MISTRESS IS HARDLY DESERVING OF THE BLOOD RUNNING THROUGH THEIR VEINS.
I THOUGHT HIS BLOOD COULD BE BETTER SPENT SATING YOUR LADYSHIP'S INSATIABLE BLOODLUST.
RIGHT YOU ARE MY SUBMISSIVE SERVANT.
AXIS, I LOOK OUT OVER THIS CITY I CONTROL & YET I AM TROUBLED.
WHATEVER COULD TROUBLE YOU, MILADY?
YOUR IRON GRIP OVER THE CRIMINAL UNDERWORLD IS ABSOLUTE.
THOSE WHO DARE CHALLENGE YOU ARE QUICKLY CUT DOWN, THE POLICE WOULDN'T DARE LIFT A FINGER TO INCRIMINATE YOU. EVEN IF THEY WOULD, YOU ARE THE MOST POWERFUL PERSON IN RAPID CITY.

WHILE ALL THESE STATMENTS STAND, MY TROUBLES COME TO ME ON THE NIGHT AIR.
THE SCREAMS & SIRENS HAVE DROPPED IN VOLUME, THERE MUST BE FEWER CRIMES
THE PEOPLE SOUND FULL OF HOPE AND HEART.
THEIR DEFINITE DESPAIR IS SOMETHING I'VE WORKED VERY HARD TO KEEP INSTATED. WE HAVE A HERO IN OUR MIDST.
I HEAR THE PEOPLE'S CRIES BEING ANSWERED AS THEY SCREAM OUT A NAME.
WHO WOULD BE FOOLISH ENOUGH TO STORM A CITY CONTROLLED BY YOU?
WHAT IS THE NAME THE CROWDS CRY?

BOLT!

THIS IS MY KINDA TOWN
Boutique
"RAPID CITY"

THE PEOPLE ARE LIVELY
THE BUILDINGS ARE BOSS
Casin
Eye Glasses
AND BEST OF ALL
IT'S MY CITY

I LIKE TO THINK OF THIS PLACE AS MY PERSONAL PLAYGROUND.
AFTER USING MY SUPER SPEED TO STOP CRIMES FOR YEARS, THE CITY COUNCIL DECIDED TO NAME THE PLACE AFTER ME.
THIS PLACE WOULD FALL APART WITHOUT ME.
BUT THAT'S WHY I'M HERE.
SOME JERKS USE THEIR TALENTS TO MAKE THIS PLACE WORSE FOR OTHERS & THAT'S WHERE I COME IN.
FORMER TRACK STAR, NOW
FULLTIME HERO FOR HIRE
& LIVING LIGHTNING BOLT!

I WANT COMPLETE DOMINATION OF MY DOMAIN. THIS CITY IS A FILTHY & FESTERING CORPSE, RIFE WITH MOIST MAGGOTS THAT SURVIVE IN THIS BODY BY MY BENEVOLENCE.
I CONTROL THIS CITY THE SAME WAY I CONTROL THE MINDS OF THE FEEBLE INSECTS THAT LIVE HERE. ONE OF THESE MAGGOTS THINKS THEMSELVES A FLY.
I'LL TEAR OUT HIS WINGS AS A GRIM REMINDER THAT THE FLY NEVER ESCAPES THE SPIDER. MY WEB OF LIES & MANIPULATION MUST NOT COME UNRAVELLED.
HAVE ONE OF MY ENFORCERS ERADICATE THE ROACH. NOW BEGONE. I WISH TO BE ALONE.
AT ONCE MY MALEVOLENT MISTRESS.

TAP
CLICK
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
CLICK
TAP
TAP
Player 1
VS
Player 2
"BASH"
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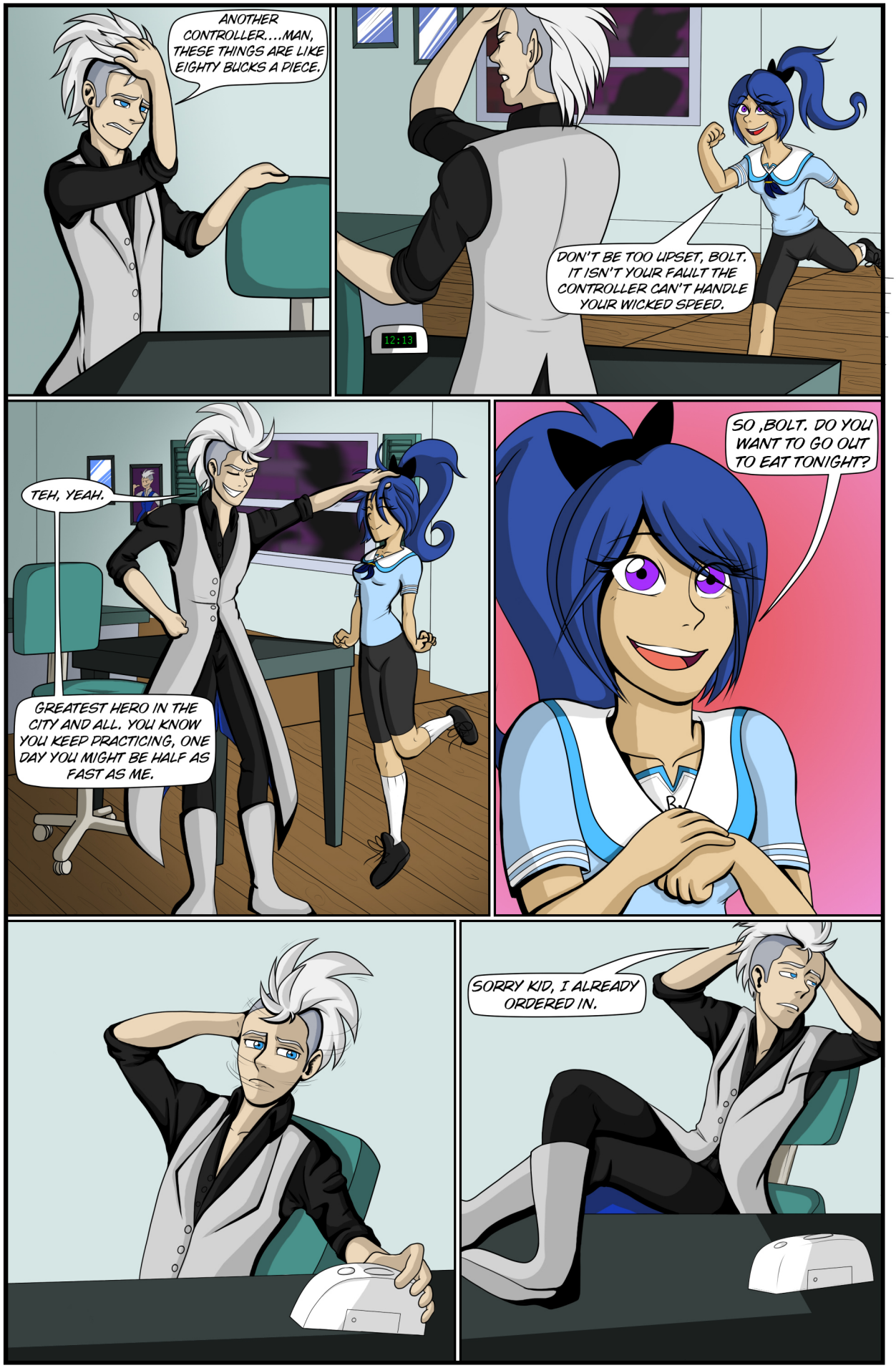
TAP
TAP
TAP
BOOM
"WINNER!"


ANOTHER CONTROLLER...MAN, THESE THINGS ARE LIKE EIGHTY BUCKS A PIECE.
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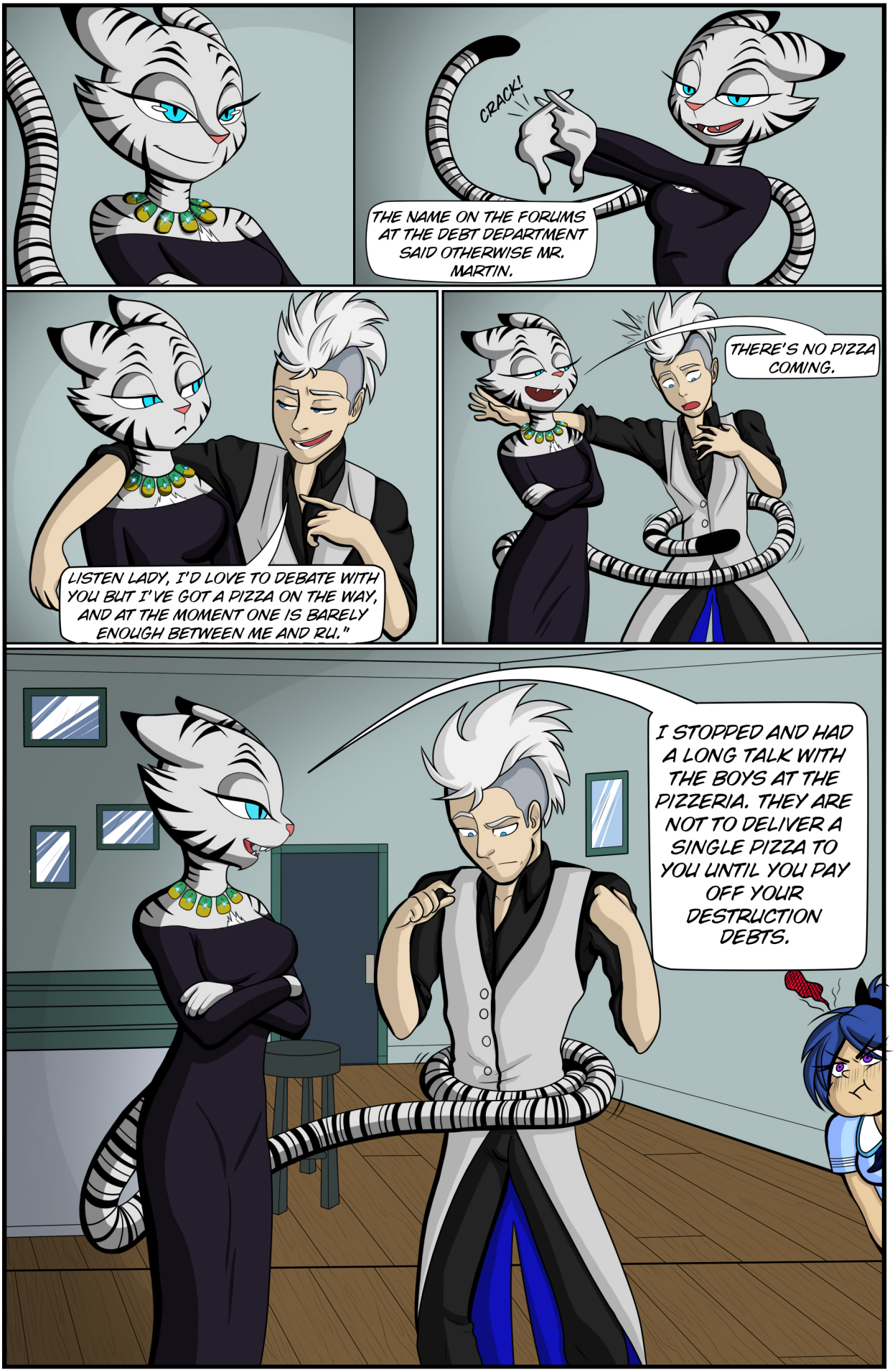
DON'T BE TOO UPSET, BOLT. IT ISN'T YOUR FAULT THE CONTROLLER CAN'T HANDLE YOUR WICKED SPEED.
TEH, YEAH.
GREATEST HERO IN THE CITY AND ALL. YOU KNOW YOU KEEP PRACTICING, ONE DAY YOU MIGHT BE HALF AS FAST AS ME.
SO ,BOLT. DO YOU WANT TO GO OUT TO EAT TONIGHT?
SORRY KID, I ALREADY ORDERED IN.

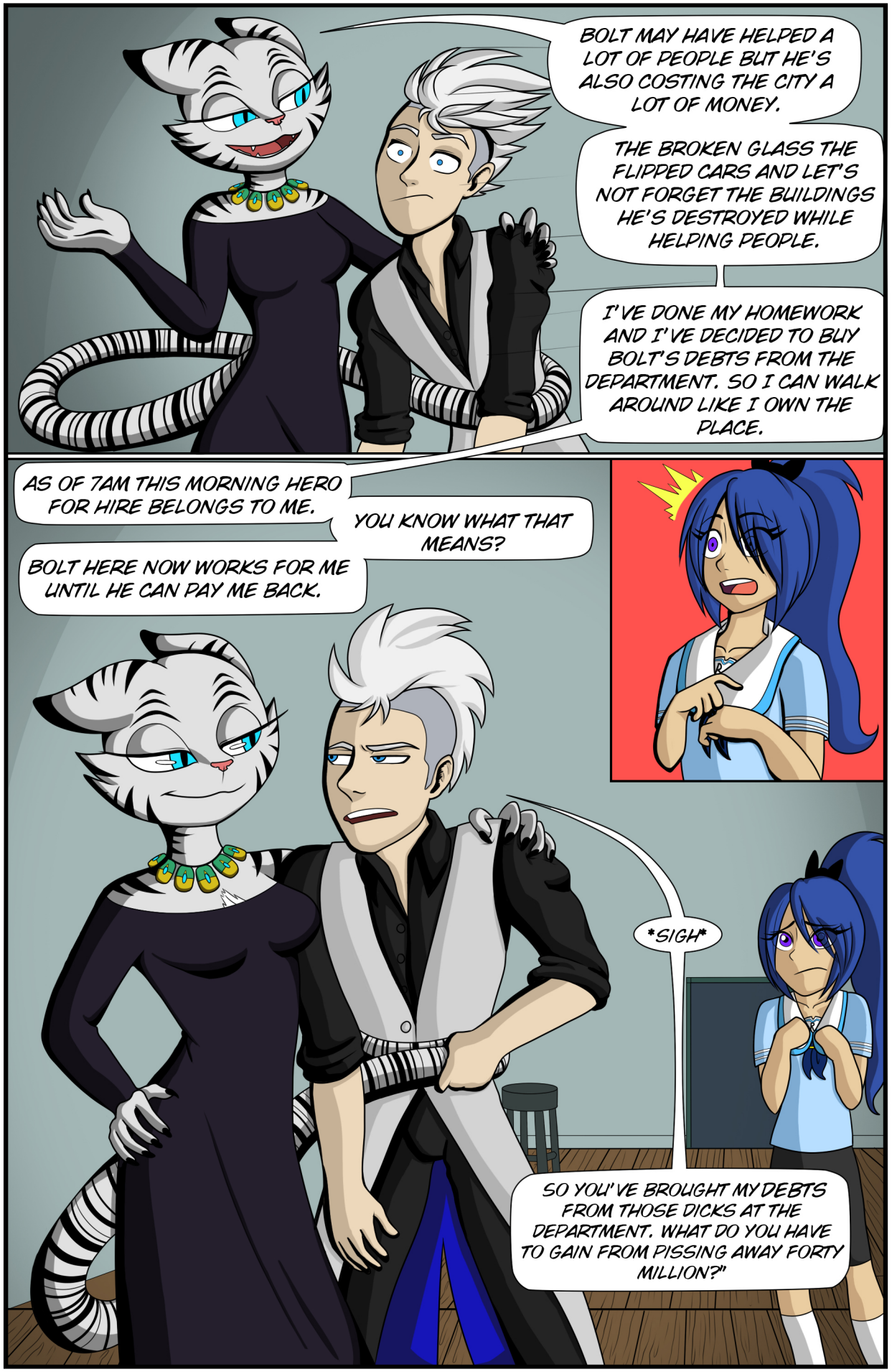
METALFEX
...“KID”...
Pause
Computer Player
*KNOCK!
*KNOCK!
*KNOCK!
HELLO AND WELCOME TO HERO FOR HIRE, HOME OF THE CITY'S NUMBER ONE HERO. WE'VE GOT OVER EIGHT YEARS OF RUNNING EXPERIENCE SO YOU KNOW YOU'RE GETTING THE BEST!

HERO FOR HIRE
WE'RE OPEN
MR MARTIN, I PRESUME?

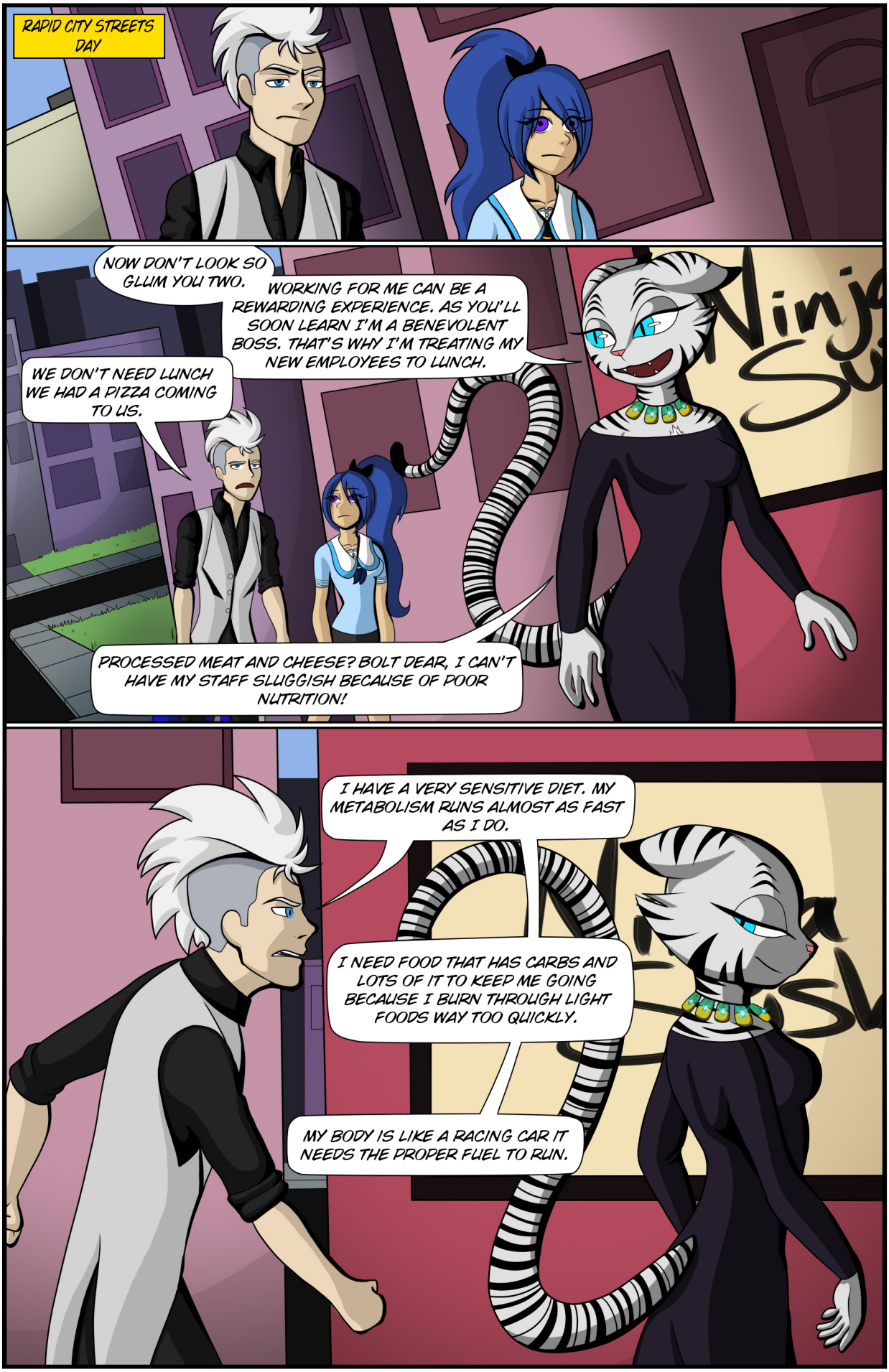
IT'S BOLT.

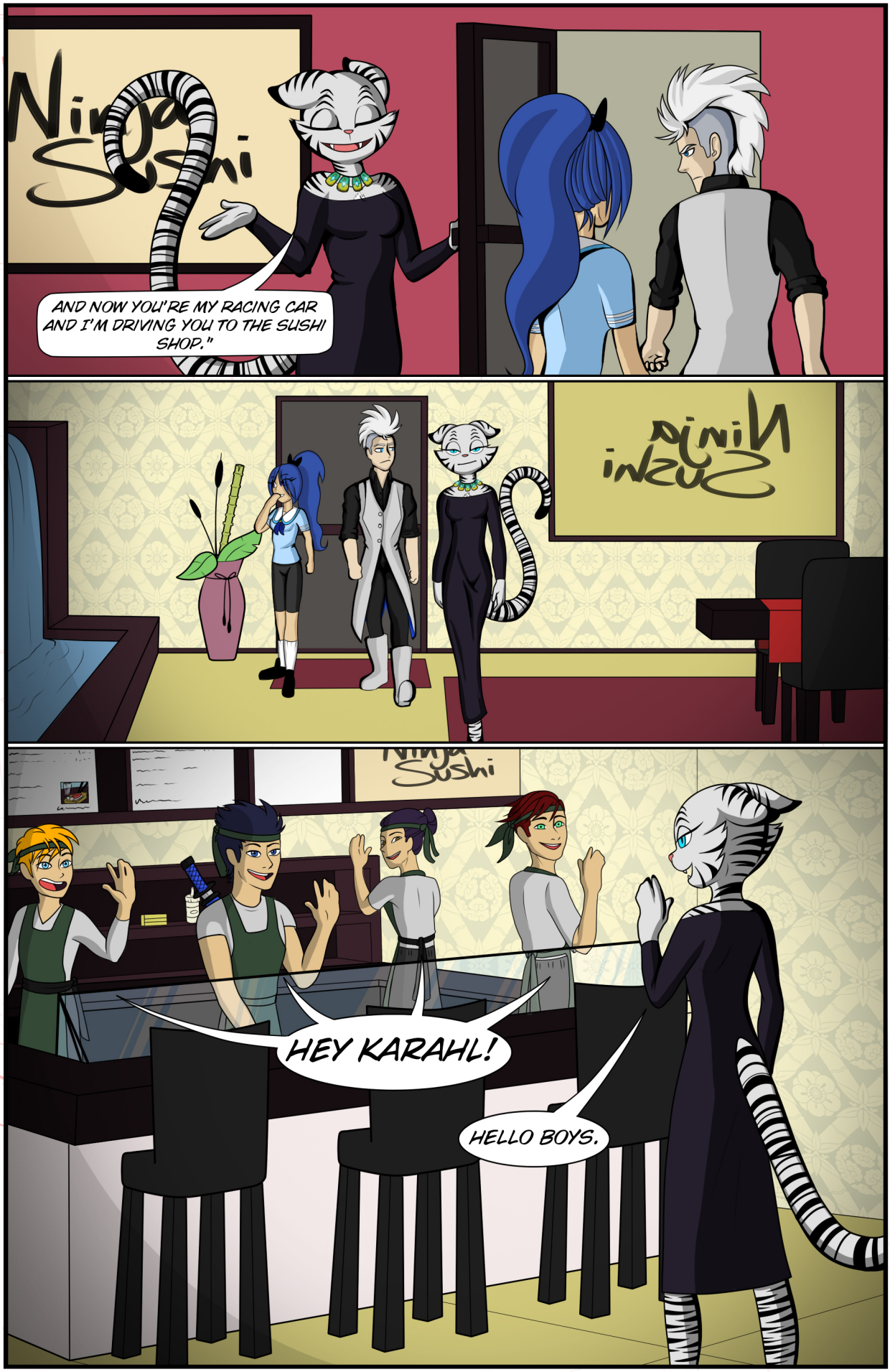

CRACK!
THE NAME ON THE FORUMS AT THE DEBT DEPARTMENT SAID OTHERWISE MR. MARTIN.
LISTEN LADY, I'D LOVE TO DEBATE WITH YOU BUT I'VE GOT A PIZZA ON THE WAY, AND AT THE MOMENT ONE IS BARELY ENOUGH BETWEEN ME AND RU."
THERE'S NO PIZZA COMING.
I STOPPED AND HAD A LONG TALK WITH THE BOYS AT THE PIZZERIA. THEY ARE NOT TO DELIVER A SINGLE PIZZA TO YOU UNTIL YOU PAY OFF YOUR DESTRUCTION DEBTS.

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE-
YOU CAN'T JUST WALTZ IN HERE LIKE YOU OWN THE PLACE! BOLT IS THE GREATEST HERO THIS CITY HAS EVER SEEN! SHOW A LITTLE RESPECT HE'S HELPED A LOT OF PEOPLE!


BOLT MAY HAVE HELPED A LOT OF PEOPLE BUT HE'S ALSO COSTING THE CITY A LOT OF MONEY.
THE BROKEN GLASS THE FLIPPED CARS AND LET'S NOT FORGET THE BUILDINGS HE'S DESTROYED WHILE HELPING PEOPLE.
I'VE DONE MY HOMEWORK AND I'VE DECIDED TO BUY BOLT'S DEBTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT. SO I CAN WALK AROUND LIKE I OWN THE PLACE.
AS OF 7AM THIS MORNING HERO FOR HIRE BELONGS TO ME.
YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS?
BOLT HERE NOW WORKS FOR ME UNTIL HE CAN PAY ME BACK.
SIGH
SO YOU'VE BROUGHT MY DEBTS FROM THOSE DICKS AT THE DEPARTMENT. WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO GAIN FROM PISSING AWAY FORTY MILLION?"

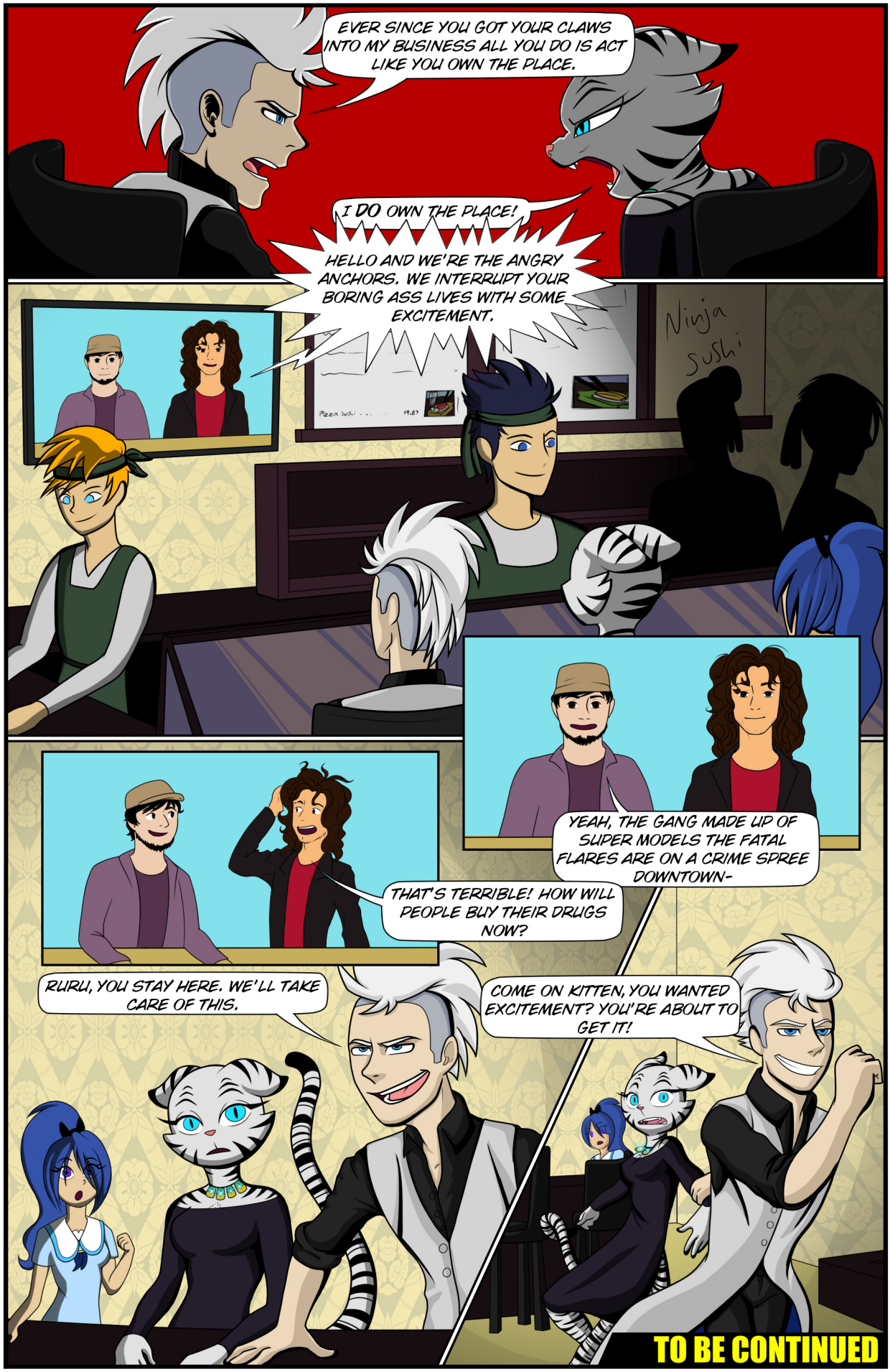
I HEAR IN YOUR LINE OF WORK YOU SEE PLENTY OF ACTION. THINGS HAVE GROWN TOO QUIET FOR MY LIKING AND I WANT IN.
NOW I GET YA. SO WHO ARE THE POOR SONS OF BITCHES YOU WANNA NAIL?
CRIMINALS OF COURSE.


RAPID CITY STREETS
DAY
NOW DON'T LOOK SO GLUM YOU TWO.
WORKING FOR ME CAN BE A REWARDING EXPERIENCE. AS YOU'LL SOON LEARN I'M A BENEVOLENT BOSS. THAT'S WHY I'M TREATING MY NEW EMPLOYEES TO LUNCH.
WE DON'T NEED LUNCH WE HAD A PIZZA COMING TO US.
PROCESSED MEAT AND CHEESE? BOLT DEAR, I CAN'T HAVE MY STAFF SLUGGISH BECAUSE OF POOR NUTRITION!
I HAVE A VERY SENSITIVE DIET. MY METABOLISM RUNS ALMOST AS FAST AS I DO.
I NEED FOOD THAT HAS CARBS AND LOTS OF IT TO KEEP ME GOING BECAUSE I BURN THROUGH LIGHT FOODS WAY TOO QUICKLY.
MY BODY IS LIKE A RACING CAR IT NEEDS THE PROPER FUEL TO RUN.


Ninja Sushi
AND NOW YOU'RE MY RACING CAR AND I'M DRIVING YOU TO THE SUSHI SHOP."
HEY KARAHL!
HELLO BOYS.

Menu
Menu
Salmon
THUD!

ZOOM
Pizza
Pizza
WOULD IT KILL YOU TO TRY SOMETHING CULTURED?
WOULD IT KILL YOU TO GET THE HELL OFF MY BACK?


EVER SINCE YOU GOT YOUR CLAWS INTO MY BUSINESS ALL YOU DO IS ACT LIKE YOU OWN THE PLACE.
I DO OWN THE PLACE!
HELLO AND WE'RE THE ANGRY ANCHORS. WE INTERRUPT YOUR BORING ASS LIVES WITH SOME EXCITEMENT.
Ninja Sushi
YEAH, THE GANG MADE UP OF SUPER MODELS THE FATAL FLARES ARE ON A CRIME SPREE DOWNTOWN-
THAT'S TERRIBLE! HOW WILL PEOPLE BUY THEIR DRUGS NOW?
RURU, YOU STAY HERE. WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS.
COME ON KITTEN, YOU WANTED EXCITEMENT? YOU'RE ABOUT TO GET IT!
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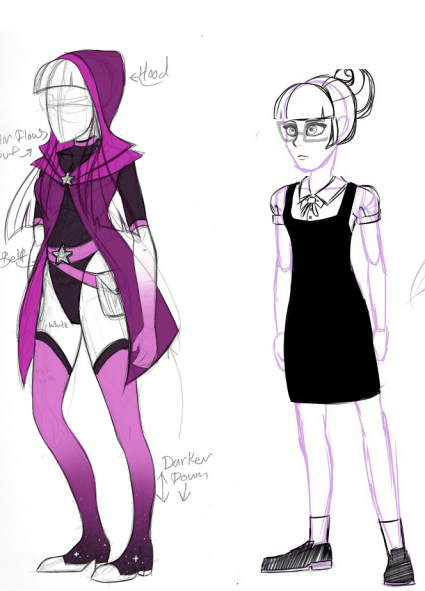

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"I CAME UP WITH RUSH! WHILE I WAS PLAYING SKULLGIRLS. THE IDEA HIT ME LIKE A **LIGHTNING BOLT!**"

THANK YOU FOR READING MY BOOK!

THIS ISSUE IS DEDICATED TO EVERYBODY WHOSE EVER BELIEVED IN ME, INCLUDING MY MOTHER, FATHER, SISTERS, NUGGET AND MY PAL DAVID. WORDS ALMOST FAIL ME IN THE GRATITUDE I HAVE FOR THE TWO AMAZING ARTISTS THAT HELPED ME BRING MY VISION TO LIFE. HERE'S A SPECIAL THANKS TO MY BELOVED CO-CREATOR NICOLE WHOSE STUCK WITH ME OVER THIS CRAZY JOURNEY.
I LOVE YOU BABE.

THE RACE IS JUST BEGINNING...